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Subject: Culcairn Solar Farm – Weeamera Road Upgrade Works across Unused Railway Easement

Dear Mr Benfredj

I refer to your correspondence of 3 December 2024, seeking the Secretary's agreement to the continued delay of the required upgrading of a 40m section of Weeamera Road within an unused rail line easement (illustrated in the figure included in your correspondence). As advised previously, the upgrade to the 1.4km section of Weeamera Road was completed prior to commencing construction of the solar farm as required by Schedule 3, Condition 6 of the development consent.

It is noted that the required Rail Corridor Access Accreditation Deed was executed 22 November 2024 allowing the work to commence within the corridor. However, the required work is unable to be completed by the current due date of 13 December 2024 and an extension of 9 days is requested.

It is also noted that you have also consulted with Greater Hume Council regarding the delay to upgrading the 40m section of road. Council has agreed to the extension subject to the continuation of appropriate dust and temporary traffic controls.

The Department has carefully considered the situation and understands that Neoen will complete the road works as required. As nominee of the Planning Secretary, and consistent with Schedule 3, Condition 6, I agree that an additional 9 days (up to 21 December 2024) is allowed to complete the road upgrade within the unused rail easement.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Keren Halliday on 02 8289 6444.

Yours sincerely



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Director
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary